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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT Ray F. Lee EXAMINER: Vargas, Dixomara
U.S.S.N.: 09/822,771 GROUP: 2859
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FOR: APPARATUS FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING HAVING A
 PLANAR STRIP ARRAY ANTENNA INCLUDING SYSTEMS AND
 METHODS RELATED THERETO

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**EXAMINING GROUP 2859
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 4, 2003, in the above referenced application.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period for filing the Appeal Brief (*i.e.*, Notice of

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Appeal filed January 4, 2004). Applicant, however, conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for any required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.